



Warmhouse Beach Dump Superfund Site: Summer Sampling



Region 10

June 2021

Why is EPA sampling the dump area again?

EPA evaluated sampling data from Sampling Events 1 and 2 (performed in 2016 and 2017) in a 2018 report, *Event 2 Data Gaps Analysis Report*, and determined that additional sampling was needed. This additional sampling was planned for 2020 but delayed due to COVID-19. This third sampling event, referred to as Event 3, will focus on areas affected by the dump and not previously sampled.

What type of sampling is planned?

EPA will sample soil from previous and new areas to better understand where elevated concentrations of metals and organics are located. In particular, EPA is interested in the gravel road/trail area along West Creek. The sampling locations and decision units (SS-P10, SS-P11, and SS-P12) are shown in the figure on the next page, "Figure 4-1 Proposed Event 3 Soil Sample Decision Units." EPA will also conduct additional seep reconnaissance to identify previously unrecognized seeps. If new seeps are identified they will be sampled.

When does EPA and their contractor want to do this work?

EPA will sample the dump June **21-25**, 2021.

What is EPA and its contractor doing for COVID-19 precautions?

EPA staff and contractors will follow firm safety protocols and coordinate with Makah staff and the Sophie Trettevick Indian Health Center before conducting any work on the Makah Reservation. This coordination will be ongoing in order to adapt to changes in the coming months. Staff plan to stay in lodging outside of the Makah Reservation as an additional precaution.


What will EPA use this new sampling data for and how will it be shared with the Makah Tribe?

EPA will receive sampling data about six weeks after the field event. Upon reviewing the data, EPA will share results with the tribe and summarize the work completed in a newsletter mailer. Data from Event 3 will be used to complete the remedial investigation and risk assessment. EPA plans to complete the RI report and risk assessment in 2022.

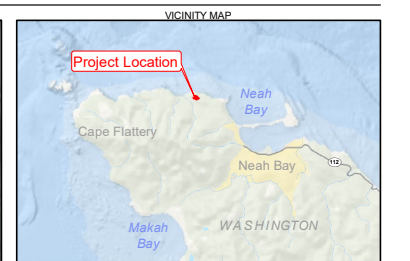
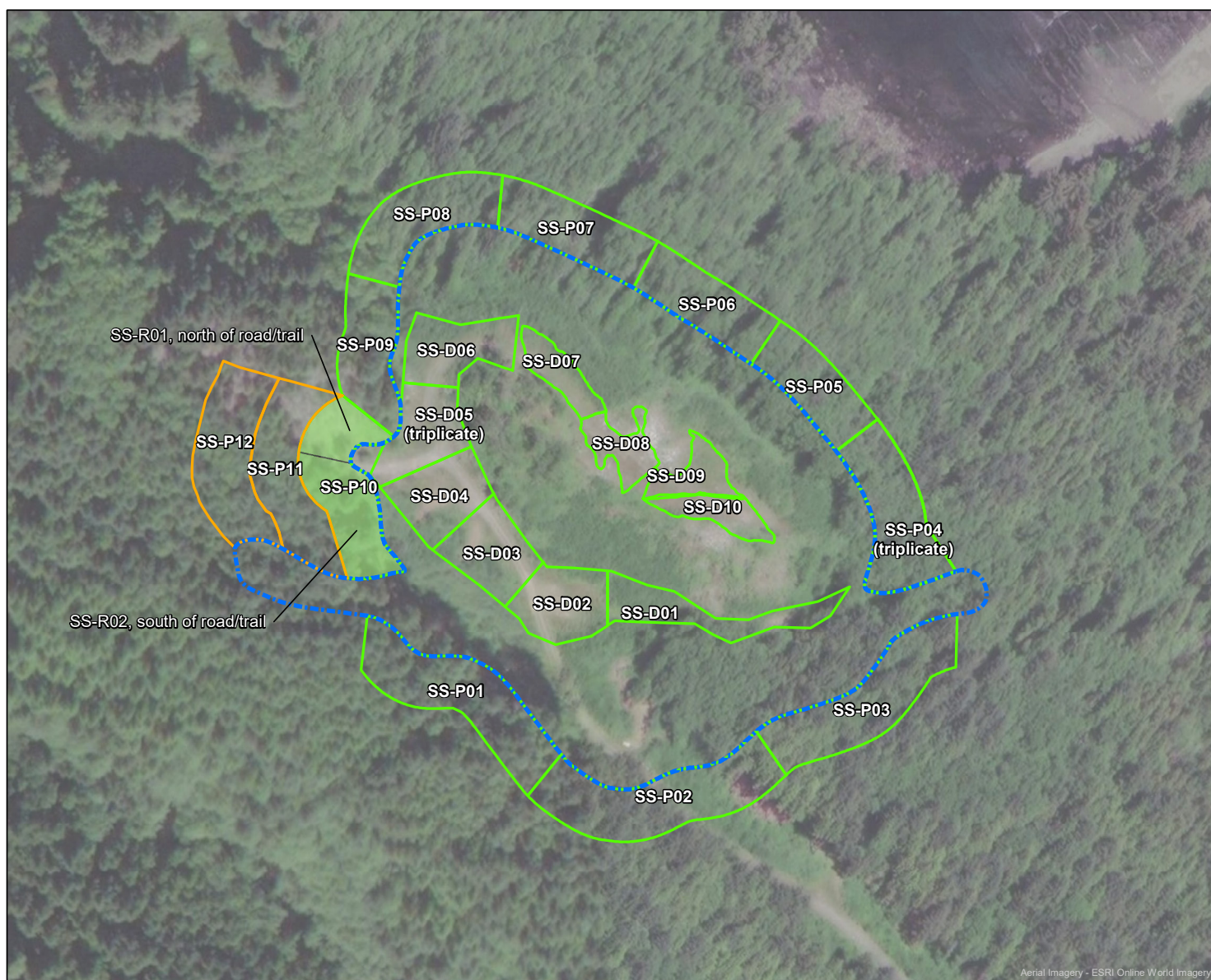
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Map of sampling area



- LEGEND
- Existing Soil Decision Unit
 - Proposed Perimeter Soil Decision Unit
 - Proposed Resample Decision Unit
 - Approximate extent of dump; boundary is likely to change based on remedial investigation results

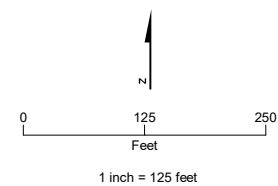


FIGURE 4-1
Proposed Event 3 Soil
Sample Decision Units
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